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”...and about imagining an”

[comment found on “From Embers: New Content in June 2018]

By anonymous, July 1, 2018, anarchistnews.org

”...and about imagining an anarchism without individualism.”

I just imagined it. It looked eerily similar to the Borg Collective on Star Trek. Thanks but *no* thanks.

I’d say that this reads as

[comment found on “The ICE Age is Over”]

By anonymous, July 3, 2018, anarchistnews.org

I’d say that this reads as very naive on the part of whoever did the report back on Portland. Like no shit, the DSA and all of the rest of the political opportunists that are running the show want anarchists only as obedient bodies willing to risk arrest and not back down to the police, because these kinds of actions are meant as a catalyst for electoral action in their scheme, not as a real direct action. The camp has now been reduced to symbolic ineffectualness and isn’t stopping ICE from functioning one bit. Meanwhile, MoveOn is staging nation wide rallies. The idea of organizing across tendencies is bullshit. You can, with much effort, organize combatively alongside dissidents from other tendencies, but half of that combativeness has to be aimed at those on your side that are trying to contain or otherwise channel discontent into their own narrow political objectives. Otherwise you’re just going to end up as a pawn in their political chess match.

I can’t picture a blue tree

[comment found on Anews Podcast – episode 70]

By anonymous, July 2, 2018, anarchistnews.org

I can’t picture a blue tree because apparently i have aphantasia. i just learned this.

Resources

[comment found on “IGD: We are being doxxed”]

By 7kLiK4ys3u4MWaIs (not verified), July 2, 2018, anarchistnews.org

- EFF Surveillance Self-Defense ssd.eff.org/

- A smart girl’s guide to privacy: we.riseup.net

Rules of thumb: don’t use your real name, don’t use your psuedonym if you don’t have to (Like I used a password generator to make a random name in the form). Create a activist Facebook and Twitter account to watch what’s going on. Don’t friend anyone you know with those accounts. Don’t use publicly accessible means of communication like discord, slack, etc. Keep communication to a need to know basis.

hell yea. i’m glad this site

[comment found on “Static / Continues – July 2018” (325 website back online)]

By anonymous, July 3, 2018, anarchistnews.org

hell yea. i’m glad this site is back up and running

This is some tiresome shit

[comment found on “Can anarchists give Trump the welcome he deserves?”]

By Liminal D, July 4, 2018, anarchistnews.org

Time for a little counter-wank. "Trump's visit will give us a clear indication of the health of the anarchist movement and the direction it is taking in the UK." Who's "us" Jon? The fuckin' anarchist study group in Loughborough? These nice 'n' safe agitations are boring as bollocks.

London's poisoned by bourgeois syndicalist pony. Symptoms include: traveling A-to-B, forming pretty lines in front of coppers, and... not much else. On the plus side, the precious of London are great for paranoia. Unfortunately, I've knocked paranoia on the head. I've decided to just not rely any of you half-measure fuckers for anything looking like an attack. Why Trump ffs? It's rotten today Jon. There's no need for a bandwagon. It'll be rotten forever if the shit goes unburned. Jon. Are you listening Jon?

FADE IN:

[comment found on "The Invention of the Tribe' (English version from Return Fire vol.5)"]

By rfa, July 7, 2018, anarchistnews.org

FADE IN:

INT. FOOD COURT - THE MALL - DAY

A young BOY and his DAD sit on a bench overlooking the Food Court. Supersized sodas and fries between them.

BOY

Dad, what was your proudest accomplishment in life?

A beat. Dad wipes the grease from his fingers onto his khakis, straightens his posture, and looks to his son with a grand smile.

DAD

I was the "bong-rip fart" troll on anarchistnews.org.

A single tear escapes Dad's eye.

FADE OUT.

I talked to the anarchist in

[comment found on "Anarchist sues Seattle police for breaking agreement"]

By anonymous, July 9, 2018, anarchistnews.org

I talked to the anarchist in question. They said that there is a lot of hope that if their case is successful the polish will be abolished. possibly the state.

or maybe they just want to not have to deal with extra crap from police and heavier bails from magistrates. I forget which one it was. Maybe someone better informed can weigh in.

Re: 07/06 17:14

[comment found on "Anarchy Radio 07-03-2018"]

By notnull, July 8, 2018, anarchistnews.org

thanks for your comments! I am definitely interested in continuing to have a conversation with JZ, but so far my experience is that I am the one reaching out and his response is to insist that I am 'clueless', so I guess I'm supposed to infer that he's not interested. But let's say that he was... I wouldn't use skype, christ! Jitsi or gtfo...

Action is overrated: a response to 06:37

[also another comment on same txt, but unrelated to first comment:]

C'mon, Wayne. Liberate your desires. You know you want to. You're not fooling anyone with this self-sacrificing "Dutiful Soldier of The Workers' Revoluton" schtick. If you welcome Saint Max into your heart as your personal Lord and Saviour, I promise he'll love you forever.

By anonymous, July 8, 2018, anarchistnews.org'

"I can also understand why people leave the anarchist 'scene' due to its lack of action and its never ending emphasise on words words words."

I actually left the anarchist scene for the *opposite* reason: too much action and not enough *thinking*. With all this talk about "what is to be done," I feel that some very important questions are being conveniently ignored: why take action in the first place? What motivates you to act and what is the payoff in it for you? Are you acting out of some perceived sense of urgency, duty, and/or obligation? Are you acting so that other anarchists won't think you're a "sell-out?" Or are you acting because, in the very *process* of taking action, you are expanding the scope of your own autonomy and self-enjoyment? These are questions that the more "act"-ivist oriented segments of the anarchist milieu (and I don't *just* mean leftists) don't want to ask because they don't exactly elicit single-minded devotion to their "Cause." That's why they call it "activism" and not "thinktivism."

Why would anarchists allow

[comment found on "Occupy ICE Portland: Policing Revolution?"]

By anonymous, July 10, 2018, anarchistnews.org

Why would anarchists allow themselves to be bossed around by self appointed "leadership" and "self care" teams? This is what happens when people place more emphasis on getting along, rather than remaining principled and getting shit done.

Just hang out for awhile.

[comment found on "Attack on energy"]

By anonymous, July 11, 2018, anarchistnews.org

Just hang out for awhile. @news hasn't even BEGUN to strange!

In the previous reportback

[comment found on "Occupy ICE Portland: Lessons from the Barricades"]

By anonymous, July 13, 2018, anarchistnews.org

In the previous reportback from Portland, I asked why would anarchists allow themselves to be bossed around by self appointed leadership and security teams. In the conclusion of this article, we have the answer:

"People of color are not a monolith. One person of color should not be given the authority to speak for all people of color or to frame any particular tactic or strategy as "what all people of color want." Important decisions that affect the group as a whole must be made by group consensus, not by self-appointed leaders or figureheads."

I get it, Portland is white as fuck and there's a shitload of white guilt, but come on already. Anarchists should be able to see through this shit and call it out for what it is - a power play mean to silence anyone that challenges the passivity and conservatism that defines liberals and the electoral left.

And this is coming from someone who considers most of the idpol criticism expressed on this site to be thinly veiled racist garbage.

GRUMBLE GRUMBLE GRUMBLE I

[comment found on "May the Flames of Joy Burn, May France Burn"]

By anonymous, July 16, 2018, anarchistnews.org

GRUMBLE GRUMBLE GRUMBLE I HATE FUN

all of this is factually correct and totally wrong
loosen up

Clean your room!

[comment found on Anarchy Radio 07-17-2018]
By anonymous, July 19, 2018, anarchistnews.org
Clean your room!

I've got a Hoover dude!

[And a reply comment]
By anonymous, July 19, 2018, anarchistnews.org
I've got a Hoover dude!

@JZ

[and another reply comment]
By anonymous, July 18, 2018, anarchistnews.org
Great show. You putting Rotn and Aragorn! on the naughty step, quite right. John, I think you should read Bellamy's 'Corrosive Consciousness' pamphlet (which Rotn mentioned with Aragorn!) You can then put any counter point to Bellamy's points. As I understand it, he has written pages of content having digs at primitivism and you and so, you need to read and counter argue where there are any disagreements, what do you think JZ? Would be useful if you read for purposes of putting out a review on your show.

I think MtlCounter's print

[comment found on "Montreal Counter-Info #6 (Spring 2018)"]
By Fauvenoir (not verified), July 21, 2018, anarchistnews.org
I think MtlCounter's print zine would benefit from more depth if there would be also some print-exclusive material in it. Like reflections, for instance.
Also as far as the admins would have energy to manage that, what about allowing comments on the site, which could be potentially selected for later publication? Now I get that not everyone wants to do the same job as Thecollective, maybe got better things to do than removing loads of alt-right trolls... yet there may be some level of mediation that's been lacking in/around Mtl for several years, at least that's what I've been wondering.
"Mediated relations", I knows! But that's just what we're doing with @ media projects anyways, so...

Serious question: how does

[comment found on "The United States is Being Radicalized – And It Isn't By Us"]
By BONELESS, July 26, 2018, anarchistnews.org
Serious question: how does this shit-tier "journalism" have anything to do with anarchy or anarchists ("and the anarcho-curious") to warrant appearing on anews every single time this noob boob vomits words out? How is this not just spectacular! content! for niche audiences to gain exposure! and patreon dollars? Why does his nonsense keep appearing on anews and the anarchist library?

some friendly criticism / confusion

[comment found on "Gaetano Bresci: Tyrannicide and Defender of the People"]
By anonymous, July 29, 2018, anarchistnews.org
I like this piece, but how is this consistent with Crimethinc's recent piece criticizing Czolgosz? Because Bresci was an assassin who was part of a social movement, while Czolgosz was (arguably) not? I hope I'm wrong, but it seems like Crimethinc is sending the message that acts of revolt are only validated by mass struggles. In this, individual consciousness is lost in favor of a fetish for quantity. I don't think there is really that much difference between Bresci's and Czolgosz's acts, aside from well-known anarchists coming down in favor of the latter and in opposition to the former. That alone is not evidence to me that one is substantially more valid, strategic, or ethical than the other. Do acts of revolt need the alibi of the mass to be valid?

correction: in favor of the

[and a reply by the author of comment]
By anonymous, July 29, 2018, anarchistnews.org
correction: in favor of the former and in opposition to the latter

Sir Einzige Faces the Facts

[comment found on: "An Anarchist View of the Class Theory of the State" by Wayne Price]
By Wayne Price (July 28, 2018) anarchistnews.org
The price of having my articles republished on anarchistnews (which I greatly appreciate for its increased circulation) is that it gets comments from Sir Einzige and other individualist-egotist-Stirnerites. Since these are usually sincere and honest, they deserve some response. However, I object to Ziggy's tying my views (in his heading) to those of Marx, when I made such an effort to show the connection between the class theory of the state and the earliest anarchists—not only to Marx. Zig's argument is not only with me but with Proudhon, Bakunin, and Kropotkin, and the mainstream of the historical anarchist movement. "These are the facts."
Zig, as usual, does not bother to actually discuss what I wrote but instead just presents a set of contrary assertions. I have to admit that I do not really understand this statement. "States determine classes classes do not determine states." But this is actually a reciprocal (dialectical if you will) process, as Kropotkin understood very well, as the state and capital cause each other. "Class is but a function and not an intent." Class is indeed a function of capitalist society, something which is actively done by the society, as opposed to anyone's conscious intention. This does not make it less real. It "grows out of reified work/education." Right. Class and the state and all functions of capital grow out of reified (alienated) labor. There is a "reified integrated totality of power where capitalism and class are a secondary tertiary consequence." The power organization is primary? But unless the workers produce the wealth of society, including a surplus which is accumulated by the capitalist class, there can be no state, no power organization, no nothing. "These are the facts."
As for me, Zig writes, "I know you don't want to face these things due to...[whatever]" My motives are often obscure to myself but apparently they are clear to Sir Einzige who know that I reject his confusing views not because I think they are wrong but because I "don't want to face these things." And what is Zig afraid to face?
Another response:

C'mon, Wayne. Liberate your

By anonymous (July 28, 2018) anarchistnews.org